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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP ART UNIT 2832****PATENT
36856.394****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Masashi MORIKAMI	Art Unit: 2832	RECEIVED CENTRAL FAX CENTER DEC 03 2003 OFFICIAL
Serial No.: 09/708,817	Examiner: K. Easthom	
Filed: November 8, 2000		
Title: VARIABLE RESISTOR		

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for a ONE-month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action dated August 8, 2003, or until December 28, 2003.

Enclosed is a Credit Card Payment form for \$110.00 to pay the ONE-month extension fee in accordance with Rule 1.17(a)(1).

The Commissioner of Patents is authorized to charge any amount due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1353.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: December 3, 2003

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